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SUBJ: OAU SOUTH AFRICA SPORTS BOYCOTT

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1. CHAIRMAN OF UN APARTHEID COMMITTEE (HARRIMAN OF NIGERIA)  
TOLD ME JULY 1 THAT OAU HAS FOLLOWED COMMONWEALTH LEAD IN  
TAKING POSITION ALONG LINES RECOMMENDED BY DIACK OF SENEGAL --  
I.E., SELECTIVE BOYCOTT OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL SPORTS  
FEDERATIONS WHOSE MEMBERS COMPETE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN  
TEAMS RATHER THAN BLANKET BOYCOTT OF ALL ATHLETES FROM  
NATION INVOLVED. THUS, AFRICANS WOULD NOT, FOR EXAMPLE,  
PLAY NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TEAMS, UT WOULD ACCEPT COMPETITION  
WITH NEW ZEALAND ATHLETES IN ANY SPORTS IN WHICH LATTER  
HAD NOT PLAYED AGAINST SOUTH AFRICANS.

2. ACCORDING TO HARRIMAN, OAU POSITION INCLUDES PROVISION  
FOR SECONDARY BOYCOTT AGAINST NATIONAL FEDERATIONS WHICH  
COMPETE AGAINST FEDERATIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ON  
INITIAL BOYCOTT LIST. EXAMPLE HERE WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

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IF NEW ZEALAND RUGBY FEDERATION PERMITS COMPETITION  
AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, NEW ZEALANDERS ARE PLACED ON  
BOYCOTT LIST. IF FRENCH RUGBY TEAM THEN COMPETES  
AGAINST NEW ZEALAND, FRENCH FEDERATION BECOMES VICTIM  
OF SECONDARY BOYCOTT AND AFRICANS WILL REFUSE TO PLAY  
FRENCH TEAMS AS WELL.



3. EFFECT OF NEW DECISION IS TO OPEN WAY FOR AFRICAN  
ATHLETES TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL MEETS IN MOST  
SPORTS, SKIPPING ONLY THOSE FEW WHERE ONE OR ANOTHER  
NATIONAL FEDERATION HAS SANCTIONED COMPETITION AGAINST  
SOUTH AFRICA.STEIGMAN

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